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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--The present invention has thus been described with reference to the foregoing embodiments, which embodiments are intended to be illustrative of the present inventive concepts rather than limiting. Persons of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that variations and modifications of the foregoing embodiments can be made without departing from the scope of the appended claims. For example, electrical conductor 16 can be any suitable electrical transmission component, e.g., a co-axial cable (Fig. 6) or a non-twisted conductor. Filaments 14 can be small impregnated fibers or rods surrounding or adjacent to the optical fiber. Any of the composite cable units can be part of a break-out cable. Fan-out or break-out cables of the present invention can include strength filaments adjacent to the cable units. Where wavelength selection features are desired in the optical sub-unit, one or more periodic refractive indices can be written into the fiber before buffering, for example, as disclosed in US-A-4725110, US-A-5620495, US-A-5718738, and/or US-A-5818630, all of which are respectively incorporated by reference herein. For identification purposes, a craftsman may be able to distinguish between the optical and electrical sub-units without identification means; however, an identification means can be provided on either or both of the sub-units. The identification means can include different colors for the sub-units, one or more extruded or inked-on stripes 13 (Figure 2), or any other suitable identification means. Fan-out cables according to the present invention can include fiber optic cable components, for example, ripcords or water blocking yarns. The optical sub-unit can include a buffer tube with one or more optical fibers therein.--

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